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REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH
THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN OR MAY BE CONCERNED

Mr. Ali Khan, Ms. Attah, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Diaz Uribe, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Fan, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Joinet, Mr. Khalil, Ms. Koufa, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. McDougall, Mr. Mehedi, Ms. Palley, Mr. Park, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

1997/... The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recognizing that the increasing challenges presented by the HIV/AIDS epidemic require intensified efforts to ensure universal respect for and observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms, as well as the avoidance of HIV/AIDS-related discrimination and stigma,

Emphasizing the responsibility of Governments to ensure the full realization of all human rights and freedoms by people affected by HIV/AIDS and to strengthen national and international mechanisms concerned with HIV/AIDS-related human rights and ethics,

Noting the holding of the Second International Consultation on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in September 1996 and in particular the adoption of guidelines for States on the promotion and protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms in the context of HIV/AIDS (E/CN.4/1997/37),

Noting also Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/33 of 11 April 1997,

Recalling its own resolution 1996/33 of 29 August 1996,

1. Welcomes the guidelines and the recommendations for their implementation adopted by the Second International Consultation on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in September 1996 (E/CN.4/1997/37);

2. Calls upon special rapporteurs, representatives and working groups, as well as other United Nations human rights bodies, to continue to address all HIV-related issues arising under their mandates, with particular attention to women, children and vulnerable groups, and to incorporate the guidelines into their activities;

3. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, through the Commission on Human Rights, to continue to incorporate HIV/AIDS-related issues, as appropriate, in all the Centre's activities, including participating, without financial implications, in a seminar on exploring ways to assess implementation of the guidelines;

4. Urges the Commission to request the Secretary-General to transmit the guidelines to Heads of State and to the heads of all relevant United Nations bodies and agencies for action;

5. Urges States to ensure wide dissemination of the guidelines and to establish mechanisms, as appropriate, for their implementation at the national and regional levels, and to assist the Secretary-General in his preparation of a progress report to be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fifth session in accordance with Commission resolution 1997/33;

6. Urges non-governmental organizations to implement the guidelines by integrating the question of HIV/AIDS and human rights within their activities;

7. Requests UNAIDS and its co-sponsors to continue the integration of a strong human rights component into all its activities, to circulate the

guidelines widely throughout the United Nations system, and to organize a seminar on exploring ways to assess implementation of the guidelines;

8. Strongly urges the Commission on Human Rights to keep under review the issue of HIV/AIDS-related human rights violations and discrimination;

9. Decides to keep the issue of HIV/AIDS-related human rights violations and discrimination under review and to give consideration to this issue under relevant items of its agenda, as well as in the work of its relevant working groups and special rapporteurs.